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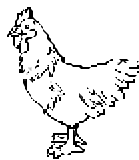
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall at least steady. Retail demand was fair to moderate, at times better where first of the month business improved. Food service was fair to good, best into fast food and casual dining facilities. Reduced holiday schedules in many plants resulted in supplies being better balanced to well cleared. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate and occasionally selective. Breast items were in the best position and often tight, and dark meat was available. Wings were adequate to less available as seasonal interest increased. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range, but mostly desirable.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 64.25 based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 66.50 cents last year on September 05, 2001.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	183.00
BREASTS - B/S	159.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	61.00
LEG QUARTERS	19.00
WINGS	53.50

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**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly steady. Retail demand was light with few features, but food service was fair to fairly good with fast food specials strongest. Supplies were in good balance for trade needs due mainly to reduced holiday kill schedules. In the parts structure, breast items were sufficient to close and moving well. Wings and dark meat were in a better balance, but still available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were noted in good balance as holiday down time helped to clear excess floor stocks. Movement through retail and distributive channels was generally moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts and tenderloins remained in the best balance. The remainder of parts were at least sufficient.

**MIDWEST** Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offers on whole fryers and Wog's were adequate for increased trade interest. Retail demand was fair to fairly good as first of the month feature activity picked up. Food service trade was irregular, best into fast food and casual dining operations. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Weights desirable to occasionally heavy. Trade interest on parts was in a full range, mostly moderate and selective. Whole and split breasts were clearing well, boneless/skinless breast varied, wings and dark meat items were available. The market tone remained steady on all items.

**WESTERN** The market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings were adequate overall. Buying interest was moderate but cautious. Some buyers found attractive discounts elusive when seeking additional product. Retailer demand was moderate to good, best to cover features. Floor stocks were generally adequate. The market tone was about steady to fully steady with breasts in the strongest position.

### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES WEEK ENDING 08/31/02	2002	2001	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	204,661	204,622	0
CHICKS PLACED	166,772	165,420	+01

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 31, 2002. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 31, 2002. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through August 31, 2002 were 5.94 billion.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 12-Oct-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 154.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 155.4 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 159.6 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 60.69 CENTS PER POUND.

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	886	138.00-223.00	143-148	147.62
TENDERLOINS	146	120.00-190.00	120-125	135.92
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	84.00-88.00	84-85	84.53
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	21.00-34.00	21-22	22.18
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	388	14.00-17.00	15	14.94
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,305	16.00-26.00	18-19	18.84
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	53.00-57.00	54-55	54.21
WINGS (CUT)	399	63.00-75.00	63-65	65.72
DRUMSTICKS	68	34.00-47.00	-	35.50
THIGHS	33	34.00-44.00	-	36.35
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 4, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
42.50 - 46.50	44.22	43.98

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

Trucklot buying activity was fair to moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of bone-in breasts were in very close balance and tenderloins continued to clear well. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings were noted in a better balance as seasonal demand was improving. Movement into retail and distributive channels remained fair, with food service draw more active. The market tone continued fully steady on bone-in breasts and tenderloins and steady on the balance.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	152.50	429,060
TENDERLOINS	120-125	116.29	72,040
BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82	86.89	200,760
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	82.18	141,400
LEGS	31-32	35.88	152,320
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.69	603,784
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	33.24	140,910
THIGHS	19-20	30.82	98,820
B/S THIGHS	60-61	59.05	60,750
WINGS (WHOLE)	50-51	55.39	226,900
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.54	31,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20	22.18	10,100
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	54.59	21,350

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG	ACTUAL	AVG
		WTS		WTS	
	09/04	09/03	09/02	08/30	09/02
ALA	4,142	4,196	(A)	4,504	(A) 4.83
ARK	5,540	5,367	Holiday	7,233	Holiday 4.82
DELMARVA	2,402	2,397	(A)	2,808	(A) 5.02
KY-LA-TN	2,017	2,028	(A)	2,392	(A) 4.38
MISS	2,879	2,746	(A)	3,231	(A) 5.30
NC	2,608	2,686	(A)	2,659	(A) 5.99
TEXAS	2,449	2,444	(A)	2,651	(A) 4.82
TOTAL	22,037	21,864	4,668	25,272	(A) 4.98
MON-WED	49,254	(B)			64,792 (B)

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Sep 02 and is estimated to be 32,970,000 up 1.13 percent from a week ago and up 0.9 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,602,000; last year 32,665,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY**

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	75
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	96-103
DRY PACK	
ICE PACK	94-95
ROASTERS 4# & UP	113
DRY PACK	
ICE PACK	104-113
HENS OVER 5#	
DRY PACK	
ICE PACK	94-98
DUCKS	152-166

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 07-SEP-02

	CURRENT WEEK 09/07/02 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 08/31/02
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	147,074(2)	168,656
LT HENS	1,529	1,909
HVY HENS	1,470	1,696
CHECK TOTAL	150,073	172,261

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 07-Sep-02 is 157.0 million head compared to 143.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 147.4 million head or 9.6 million more than estimated available. For week of 14-Sep-02 the estimated available is 158.6 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 02-SEP-02	216,370	71,355
AM 01-AUG-02	215,685	75,870
CHG	685	-4,515
PCT CHG	0	-6

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	09/02/02	08/26/02	09/03/01	09/02/02	08/26/02	09/03/01
PACIFIC COAST	31,418	30,949	30,789	5,322	5,326	3,489
LOS ANGELES	1,318	1,318	3,866	3,364	3,549	2,174

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2002

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58-60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	58-69

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

	FOR 9/03/02		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.25	1.40	.77
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	.30	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.50	.95	.75
GEESE lb.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.15	.50	.29
DUCKS lb.	.35	1.00	-
RABBITS lb.	.30	1.05	.55
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 125

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending August 30, 2002

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	57.26	137.43	82.46	18.32	18.32	59.55
High	64.13	146.59	91.62	22.90	22.90	59.55
Mostly	59.55	137.43	91.62	18.32	18.32	59.55

**SAN JUAN**

Low	61.84	128.26	82.46	22.90	13.74	55.89
High	64.13	137.43	91.62	27.49	18.32	55.89
Mostly	64.13	132.84	82.46	25.19	16.49	55.89

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	57.26	128.26	82.46	13.74	18.32	59.55
High	64.13	137.43	91.62	22.90	22.90	59.55
Mostly	59.55	137.43	82.46	18.32	18.32	59.55

**BECERRA**

Low	63.22	128.26	77.87	27.49	13.74	54.51
High	68.25	132.84	91.62	32.07	18.32	54.51
Mostly	64.13	130.55	89.33	27.49	16.03	54.51

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was sufficient in keeping seller offerings in good balance to short of immediate needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 49 to 60 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate to tight. Breast items and wings were generally noted as in close balance to well cleared. Leg items were adequate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	46-64
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	51.75
NO. OF BOXES	9,392

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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